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| 1.  The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to application, applicant must timely file one of the folloapplication in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with periods:   | owing replies:<br>of Appeal (with      | <ol> <li>an amendment, affice<br/>appeal fee) in compliar</li> </ol> | lavit, or other evidence,<br>nce with 37 CFR 41.31; | which places the or (3) a Request |
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| 3. X The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final reje   |  |  |   | ecause                            |
| (a) They raise new issues that would require furt   |  | ion and/or search (see l   | NOTE below);  |                                   |
| <ul> <li>(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOT</li> <li>(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application</li> </ul>   | •                                      | for anneal by materially   | reducina or simplifyina                             | the issues for                    |
| appeal; and/or  | i ili better loilii                    | ioi appear by materially   | reducing or simplifying                             | the issues for                    |
| (d) They present additional claims without cance  | ling a correspo                        | onding number of finally   | rejected claims.                                    |                                   |
| NOTE: See Continuation Sheet. (See 37 Cl  | FR 1.116 and                           | 41.33(a)).   |   |                                   |
| 4. 🔲 The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CF  | FR 1.121. See                          | attached Notice of Non-  | -Compliant Amendment                                | (PTOL-324).                       |
| 5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejec   |  |  |   |                                   |
| 6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would non-allowable claim(s).   |  | ·  | •   | -                                 |
| 7.  For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment( how the new or amended claims would be rejected The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows: Claim(s) allowed: <u>NONE</u> . Claim(s) objected to: <u>NONE</u> .  |  |  | will be entered and an                              | explanation of                    |
| Claim(s) rejected: 10-12.   |  |  |   |                                   |
| Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:  |  |  |   |                                   |
| AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE   |  |  |   |                                   |
| <ol> <li>The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final acti<br/>because applicant failed to provide a showing of go<br/>was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).</li> </ol>  |  |  |   |                                   |
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| 10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An expl REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER   | lanation of the                        | status of the claims afte  | er entry is below or attac                          | hed.                              |
| 11. The request for reconsideration has been consider   | red but does N                         | IOT place the applicatio   | n in condition for allowa                           | nce because:                      |
| 12. Note the attached Information <i>Disclosure Stateme</i> 13. Other:  | ent(s). (PTO/SI                        | 3/08) Paper No(s)  | _   |                                   |
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Continuation of 3. NOTE: Amendments to claims 10 and 12 require the examiner to perform an additional search and examination. Amendments to claims 10 and 12 contain new matter.